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1. MORNING SESSION OF PLENARY ADJOURNED TO PROVIDE TIME FOR
INFORMAL CONTACT GROUP MEETING. CONTACT GROUP BEGAN WITH
CONSIDERATION OF ORGANIZATIONAL POINT 3 AND THE ACCOMPANYING
CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT. THESE WERE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

--ORGANIZATIONAL POINT 3:

"THE APPROPRIATE SUBSIDIARY WORKING BODIES WILL DEAL WITH
ALL ASPECTS OF ITEM 4 OF THE AGENDA IN AN ORGANIZED WAY IN
ACCORDANCE WITH ALL THE CORRESPONDING PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL
ACT. THEY WILL BE GUIDED IN THEIR WORK BY THE PLENARY AND
WILL REPORT TO THE LATTER."

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--CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT TO BE RECORDED IN JOURNAL AS
AGREED INTERPRETATION OF ITEM 3:

"IN ORGANIZING THEIR WORK, THE SUBSIDIARY
WORKING BODIES WILL ADHERE BOTH TO ALL THE TASKS OUTLINED
IN ITEM 4 OF THE AGENDA AND TO THE GUIDANCE CONTAINED
IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK. THEY

WILL CONDUCT THE EXAMINATION OF THIS POINT OF THE AGENDA IN A SEQUENTIAL AND STRUCTURED WAY ACCORDING TO THE FINAL ACT. THE SUBSIDIARY WORKING BODIES WILL THEN PROCEED TO DRAFT ON THE BASIS OF PROPOSALS CONCERNING THESE MATTERS. THEIR DISCUSSION WILL BE AS CONCISE AS POSSIBLE, AND THEIR EFFORTS ORIENTED TOWARD THE DRAFTING OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE SUBSIDIARY WORKING BODIES TO THE CONCLUDING DOCUMENT OF THE MEETING."

COMMENT: WE BLEIEVE THIS ORGANIZATIONAL POINT, ACCOMPANIED BY INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT, PROVIDES SATISFACTORY ASSURANCE THAT WORKING BODIES WILL CARRY OUT THOROUGH REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION BY GOING SEQUENTIALLY THROUGH ALL PARTS OF THE FINAL ACT. IT WILL ALSO ENSURE THAT DRAFTING WORK ON NEW PROPOSALS WILL NOT INTERRUPT THIS DISCUSSION BUT WILL BE DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER IT HAS BEEN COMPLETED. IN ADDITION, INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT ENSURES THAT WORKING BODIES WILL THEMSELVES DRAFT PORTIONS OF THE CONCLUDING DOCUMENT.
END COMMENT.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL POINT 4 AND ACCOMPANYING CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT WERE SLIGHTLY REVISED AS FOLLOWS:

--ORGANIZATIONAL POINT 4:

"THE DISCUSSION UNDER ITEM 4 OF THE AGENDA WILL BEGIN
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WITH A GENERAL DEBATE IN THE PLENARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INITIATING THE WORK OF THE SUBSIDIARY WORKING BODIES ON ALL CHAPTERS OF THE FINAL ACT. THESE SUBSIDIARY WORKING BODIES SHALL START THEIR WORK NOT LATER THAN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING."

--CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT:

"IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSALS REFERRED TO UNDER ITEM 4 OF THE AGENDA SHOULD BE SUBMITTED EITHER IN THE PLENARY OR IN THE SUBSIDIARY WORKING BODIES NOT LATER THAN DURING THE FIFTH WEEK AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING. AFTER THE GENERAL DEBATE, THE PLENARY SHOULD MAINTAIN A BALANCE BETWEEN THE AMOUNT OF TIME DEVOTED TO EACH MAIN CHAPTER OF THE FINAL ACT."

3. AFTERNOON PLENARY BEGAN WITH REPORT BY SPANISH CHAIRMAN OF CONTACT GROUP THAT WORK OF GROUP NOW HELD OUT PROMISE THAT SOLUTIONS TO REMAINING PROBLEMS MIGHT BE FOUND IN RELATIVELY SHORT TIME. SPANISH REP ASKED THAT CONTACT GROUP BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE ITS WORK. THERE FOLLOWED A SERIES OF STATEMENTS BY VARIOUS WESTERN (INCLUDING USDEL), NEUTRAL/NON-ALIGNED DELS,

PLUS ROMANIA EXPRESSING STRONG INTEREST IN FINDING A SOLUTION TO QUESTION OF DURATION WHICH WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT CONSTITUTE A FIRM CUT-OFF DATE FOR THE MAIN MEETING. THESE DELS URGED THOSE WHO INSISTED ON A FIRM CUT-OFF DATE TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE AND TO MOVE TOWARD MAJORITY VIEW. SOVIET, POLISH, AND HUNGARIAN REPS REPLIED THAT THEY TOO FAVORED FLEXIBILITY. ALL ACCEPTED CONTINUATION OF WORK IN CONTACT GROUP.

4. AFTERNOON SESSION OF CONTACT GROUP DISCUSSED ORGANIZATION AND DURATION OF WORK OF WORKING BODIES, WITH CONSIDERABLE RAPPROCHEMENT OF VIEWS BUT NO CONCRETE RESULT. CONTACT GROUP WILL MEET AGAIN EVENING OF JULY 28.
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